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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action dated June 17, 2002 and is filed on December 17, 2002. The reply is accompanied by a petition for a three month extension of time and the requisite fee, making this a timely response. The reply is also accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the required filing fee. Applicants believe that no other fees are due. The Commissioner, however, is authorized to charge any necessary fees, including any extension fees or other relief as may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Order No. A-63915 (467802-00068)/RMS/CYO).

Please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks set forth thereafter.

In the claims:

Please enter the following amended claim,

58. (Amended) A method of screening a plurality of cells, comprising:

a) producing a plurality of cells comprising a library of nucleic acids encoding a